

Good evening and thank you for allowing us this opportunity to speak this evening.

My name is DJ Andriessen and I have lived in Clarksburg for the last 20 years.

I am a survivor of West Nile Virus. Although I still suffer some of the lingering effects of the illness, I consider myself fortunate because I survived. I understand that one in four victims doesn't. It's a devastating disease, for which we have no cure and we don't even have a handle on controlling it. Raptor birds are still dying, our chickens are contracting it, and people are still getting sick.

Creating a shallow water refuge in our area would be tantamount to creating a West Nile Virus *incubator*, affecting the entire Sacramento Valley, not just Clarksburg.

If you propose to eradicate the anticipated mosquito population with 'Evergreen Crop Protection EC 60-6', the current broad spectrum pesticide being used by the vector control agencies, then you will be killing all of the insects in the 'refuge,' beneficial or otherwise; and that would eliminate the food source of the purported reason for the project, the Smelt.

These plans need to go back to the drawing board and more workable plans developed.